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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN REACTION TO CHILEAN COUP

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1. HUNGARIAN PRESS CONTINUES TO GIVE WIDESPREAD COVERAGE TO EVENTS IN CHILE. NEW REPORTS HAVE EMPHASIZED CONTINUED ARMED RESISTANCE BY CHILEAN WORKERS, AND INDIGNANT REACTION OF MOST OF WORLD TO COUP. PRESS HAS MADE MUCH OF ALLEGED "WHITE TERROR" BEING CONDUCTED AGAINST CHILEAN COMMUNISTS AND "PROGRESSIVE" BY ARMED FORCES.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SIX PROTEST TELEGRAMS FROM HUNGARIAN GROUPS. ONLY TWO ALLEGE THAT USG IN LEAGUE WITH CHILEAN MILITARY IN STAGING COUP. LOCAL PRESS HAS, HOWEVER, FREQUENTLY CARRIED CHARGES OF FOREIGN COMMUNISTS THAT USG AND US COMPANIES BEHIND ALLENDE'S OVERTHROW, AND DEPUTY PREMIER LAJOS FEHER ACCUSED "IMPERIALIST CIRCLES" OF HAVING SUPPORTED ATTACK AGAINST ALLENDE GOVERNMENT (BUDAPEST 3156) COUP HAS NOT BEEN RAISED BY GOH OFFICIALS IN TALKS WITH EMBOFFS AND NEITHER GOH NOR HUNGARIAN MEDIA HAVE MADE DIRECT CHARGE OF US INVOLVEMENT.

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3. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR JIMENEZ CIRCULATED NOTE TO ALL EMBASSIES INVITING THEM TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK IN LIGHT OF ALLENDE'S "MURDER." AS RESULT OF MURDER ACCUSATION, WE ARE NOT PLANNING TO SIGN AND MOST EMBASSIES ALSO NOT EXPECTED TO. JIMINEZ (SEE REFTTEL) ISSUED STATEMENT EARLIER REFUSING TO RECOGNIZE ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT EXCEPT THAT OF POPULAR UNITY. HE ALSO DENOUNCED COUP AND ALLEGED THAT "MOST REACTIONARY STRATA OF ARMY UNLEASHED REVOLT TO PUT ILLEGAL GOVERNMENT INTO POWER."
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